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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
David SUDA, et al. : EXAMINER: HARMON, C.
SERIAL NO.: 09/584,182 :
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FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD :
FOR BAGGING AN ITEM :

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Advisory Action dated January 23, 2003, and prior to further consideration of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 is amended as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A method for inserting an item into a receptacle using an apparatus having a hollow tube section having a first opening and a second opening and a hollow flared section having a narrow opening and a wide opening, the narrow opening being connected to the first opening, said method comprising the steps of:

positioning a receptacle over an exterior surface of the tube section adjacent the second opening;

inserting the item within the flared section via the wide opening; and